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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Thierry DESLANDES, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/392,585

Group Art Unit: 2142

Confirmation No.: 1444

Examiner: William VAUGHN, Jr.

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For: PROCESS FOR MONITORING THE CONSUMPTIONS OF FRANKING  
MACHINES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 23, 2003 to November 23, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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